STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, the Constitution of West Virginia delineates the respective powers, duties and responsibilities of the three separate branches of government; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 22 of the Constitution of West Virginia provides that this regular session of the Legislature not exceed sixty calendar days computed from and including the second Wednesday of January; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VI, Section 22 of the Constitution of West Virginia, the 2012 regular session of the Legislature concludes on March 10, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 51 of the Constitution of West Virginia sets forth the legal authority of the Governor and the Legislature relating to the preparation and enactment of the Budget Bill; and

WHEREAS, Subsection D of said section requires the Governor to issue a proclamation to extend the regular session of the Legislature if the Budget Bill shall not have been finally acted upon by the Legislature three days before the expiration of its regular session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has not finally acted upon the Budget Bill three days before the expiration of this current regular session of the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EARL RAY TOMBLIN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, do hereby issue the following proclamation, in accordance with Article VI, Section 51, Subsection D(8) of the Constitution of West Virginia, extending this regular session of the State Legislature for consideration of the Budget Bill for a period not to exceed three days beyond the conclusion of this regular session, including any extension thereof, under the provisions of Article VI, Section 22 of the Constitution of West Virginia; but no matters other than the Budget Bill and a provision for the cost of said extended session shall be considered during this extension of the session.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.



DONE at the Capitol in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this seventh day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve, and in the One Hundred Forty-Ninth year of the State.

By the Governor

SECRETARY OF STATE